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## St. Lucie County Exhibit at the Exposition-Fair

### Her Products to be Attractively Displayed for Benefit of Homeseekers.

The initial shipment of St. Lucie county's exhibit for the Jacksonville exposition-fair was packed in a car Saturday and forwarded that evening to Jacksonville. Judge Jas. E. Andrews had charge of the shipment and left the same night to be on hand and get the exhibit in shape for the opening on Wednesday.

The committee on arrangements—Messrs. Andrews, Raulerson and Austin, were busy all last week securing articles for the exhibit, and on Saturday morning, wagon load after wagon load poured into Fort Pierce from all directions and the express trains brought in more from the north and south ends of the county.

In the car were sixty-four crates of pineapples, mostly Red Spanish, with a good supply of Abakkas and other fancy varieties. They are all of good size, with none smaller than "24's" and ranging up to the "16" pack. These pines, of course, will be the strong part of the exhibit.

There were also about 200 pineapple plants and slips, which will be set out in a miniature field, showing the various stages of growth—from the young slip to the hardy 3 and 4 year old plant—with fruit from the blossom to the ripe apple on the plant. The actual culture of pines will be thoroughly explained to visitors who are interested.

Thirteen boxes of citrus fruits of the finest quality were also sent up with the initial shipment and will form an interesting part of the exhibit, and the quality will compare favorably with those from the older citrus fruit countries.

Bananas will also figure prominently, for in the car were seven immense trees with fruit. A novelty in these is the fact that six of these are in one cluster and were transplanted in the booth as they came out of the ground, at the home of R. L. Goodwin. H. Larsen, of White City, furnished the other one—an immense tree with a handsome bunch of bananas hanging from the bud.

Mr. Wm. Carlsen sent in a pawpaw full of fruit, which was transplanted and will be kept green and growing during the time of the fair.

An art gallery will also be in the booth, for the committee secured from the Florida Photographic Concern, of this place, twenty-eight handsome photographs of scenes in St. Lucie county, showing all manner of things, from fishing and other sports to the money-making possibilities of fruit and vegetable culture. These pictures were all nicely framed and vary in size from 16x20 to 31x40, and the fact that they bear the imprint of the Florida Photographic Concern is a guarantee of good work.

St. Lucie county exhibit occupies a 30x42 feet in the front part of the main building. An aisle runs around the booth, thus giving visitor an opportunity to view it all sides. Judge Andrews, who has charge of the exhibit, knows the value of advertising and can be counted on to display the products in a tasty attractive manner.

The exposition will continue for days, the exhibit of fruits and vegetables will necessarily have to be restocked by weekly shipments to keep up to a standard of excellence. People should be constantly looking out for material to be forwarded to the manager. If you have anything worthy of exhibiting all St. Lucie products are welcome. Don't hesitate about it, but write K. B. Raulerson or Mr. D. E. Austin, who is in charge of the St. Lucie county booth, in South Jacksonville.

Let us keep the exhibit to a high standard during the entire season and reap all possible benefit from the advertising of the county sources among the thousands of visitors from other states who will look over the exhibit. Now is our time to show the rest of the country what we can do and what the homeseeker can look for in our soil.

The committee wishes especially to return thanks to Mr. John C. Jones, of Quay, for his liberal donation of fancy fruits from his Klondyke grove and to the others who responded to the call for material for the exhibit. The contributors to the collection were:

Jones & Son—Two boxes oranges, 1 strap tangerines, 1 box grapefruit.  
G. Ringdahl—One box grapefruit.  
J. M. Orrel—One box tangerines.  
H. Larsen—One banana plant with bunch of bananas.  
R. L. Goodwin—Six banana plants, 2 bunches of bananas, pineapples and pineapple plants.  
Chas. Lord—One crate of pines, pineapple plants.  
Wm. Carlsen—Pawpaw plants with fruit.  
C. F. Olmstead—Porto Rico pineapple plants.  
Chas. Carlsen—Pawpaw plants with fruit.  
Andrews & Raulerson—Pineapples and plants.  
Ed Trainor—Beans.  
Mrs. Welles—Irish potatoes.  
J. D. Almond—Irish potatoes.

The Florida exposition-fair opened at Jacksonville Wednesday at the noon hour under most auspicious circumstances, Governor Albert W. Gilchrist presiding at the formal opening ceremonies, and the attendance was larger than was anticipated by even the most enthusiastic promoters, who were appointed by the Jacksonville board of trade for this special work.

The attendance of tourists and homeseekers from northern and western states ran up into the thousands, Jacksonville being crowded with people who are fleeing from their homes in the cold sections to various points in Florida. They had the privilege of examining the most comprehensive displays of Florida products ever collected, and were delighted at the magnificence of the amusement attractions, which were brought south to show the visitors from other cities that Jacksonville is the equal of much larger cities in point of progressiveness.

Creators' world-famous band of 60 pieces and other attractions made an immediate hit. The exposition-fair will continue until March 29, during which time the advantages of Florida will be advertised in every way imaginable.

### Trial of Wm. M. Brown.

Now that the trial of Wm. M. Brown has actually started in the United States district court, much progress is being made, and in all probability the case will be in the hands of the jury by tomorrow.

Mr. Brown examines very thoroughly all papers handed to the witnesses by the district attorney, and makes note of all incidents transpiring in the submission of evidence. Mrs. Brown is at her husband's side and also makes notes in a little note book from time to time, and seems to be as well up on the immense amount of detail in the case as Mr. Brown.

### Deadwood Dick Company.

This company, whose coming announcement appears in another column of this paper, comes to our city highly recommended both by the press

and public. The management has spared no pains or expense to make it one of the strongest dramatic companies on the road. The company numbers 40 people and they travel in their own private car and for the production of this drama, have some of the best actors that money can procure. They also carry all the electric, calumny and scenic effects necessary to produce the piece. A number of vaudeville artists will appear with those specialties between acts, thus giving a continuous performance lasting nearly three hours. One of the principal features is Krutchfield's military band and concert orchestra which gives free concerts each day at noon. The show is new, clean, moral and up-to-date and no one should miss attending it.

### CHANGES IN E. C. P. OFFICERS

Superintendent Gen. J. P. Beckwith Appointed  
Fourth Vice-President

A number of important changes in the official personnel of the Florida East Coast Railway took effect on last Thursday, Jan. 14, according to orders issued from the offices of the vice president, traffic and operation departments.

According to these orders, Mr. J. P. Beckwith, formerly traffic manager, has been appointed fourth vice president of the company and in charge of operation and traffic.

Mr. R. T. Goff, general superintendent of the road, having resigned, that office will not be filled.

Mr. F. W. Kirtland, formerly assistant general freight agent, has been appointed general freight agent, and Mr. J. D. Rahner, formerly assistant general passenger agent, has been appointed general passenger agent.

All of these changes became effective at noon Thursday, and the following official orders explain the changes more in detail:

Order No. 1. Office of the Vice President, St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 14, 1909.—Mr. J. P. Beckwith has been appointed fourth vice president of the company in charge of operation and traffic, reporting to the vice president. The office of traffic manager is abolished.

Mr. R. T. Goff, general superintendent, having resigned, that office will not be filled. All officers and employees heretofore reporting to the general superintendent will now report to the fourth vice president.

This circular in effect on Thursday, Jan. 14, 1909, at noon.

J. R. PARROTT,  
Vice President.

Approved, H. M. FLAGLER,  
President.

Order No. 2. Traffic and Operation Departments, St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 14, 1909.—Effective this date, Mr. F. W. Kirtland is appointed general freight agent in charge of freight traffic and claim departments. The office of assistant general freight agent is abolished.

Mr. J. D. Rahner is appointed general passenger agent in charge of passenger traffic. The office of assistant general passenger agent is abolished.

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Fourth Vice President.

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Vice President.

### EASTERN STAR GRAND MATRON

Visited Local Chapter and Was  
Royally Entertained by the  
Ladies of Fort Pierce.

The chapter hall of Ruth Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, was the scene of a very happy occasion on Tuesday afternoon in honor of the official visit of Mrs. J. D. Grether, of Jacksonville, Grand Matron of the State of Florida.

A committee composed of Mrs. Nesbitt, Mrs. Middlebrooks, Mrs. Pyles and others met the 4:50 train from the north and acted as an escort to the hall, where Mrs. Grether was introduced to the members of the chapter, after which a dainty luncheon was served, consisting of oysters, sandwiches, salads, pickles, cake and coffee. After luncheon, the beautiful ritual

## Report Favorable for St. Lucie Inlet Work

### Clef of Board of Engineer Recommends \$4,000,000 be Spent on Improvements.

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A statement from H. E. Sewell regarding the amount of freight handled at St. Lucie inlet accompanies the report.

Then followed a very happy feature of the evening—the presentation of a handsome silver berry spoon, suitably engraved, to the Grand Matron by Mr. Dittmar, representing the chapter, followed by the gracefully expressed thanks of the recipient.

Owing to a recent illness, Mrs. A. C. Dittmar was unable to attend the meeting, but sent an urgent invitation to Mrs. Grether and the chapter to repair to her home at the conclusion of the meeting, which they did, and a pleasant hour was passed in informal conversation, giving an opportunity to become better acquainted with the State Matron, who proved to be affable and congenial to a happy degree.

Reluctant good-byes were then spoken, with wishes for more frequent occasions of the kind.

### The Four Pickerts.

Fort Pierce theatre-goers received with pleasure the announcement that the Four Pickerts and their excellent company of dramatic artists would be here for one week beginning January 25. This company has played here several nights each season for several years and are always greeted by large and enthusiastic audiences. They are easily the favorites among the companies traveling this territory. Not only are their plays of a high order, but the specialties by the four members of the Pickert family are far above the ordinary.

This company will open the week's engagement next Monday in the Improvement Club hall with a good play. Tickets will be on sale at the usual place at the usual prices.

### County Court.

Last Friday the preliminary hearing of Aaron Williams, charged with the murder of Jim Patterson, was held before County Judge F. L. Hemmings, and the defendant bound over without bail to await the action of the grand jury next month. It will be remembered that this alleged murder took place at Viking several weeks ago.

On Monday Judge Hemmings held court to dispose of a case wherein Wm. Christensen and Nat Sykes were charged with larceny of hogs from Irving Conyers. This case was tried before a jury who rendered a verdict of not guilty, and the defendants were discharged. Attorneys Parker & Broome represented the State and A. D. Penney appeared for the defendant.

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### Union Meeting.

The union meeting of the Indian River Association convenes with the Baptist church at Eau Gallie, Jan. 29, 30 and 31.

The following questions will be discussed: Should church members engage in such public amusements as foot ball, baseball, theatres, dancing or such like things? REV. WM. STONES.

Where and when was the church of Jesus Christ set up? GEORGE GARDNER.

What were the special Christian characteristics of the members who composed the first church of Jesus Christ? REV. MR. GIBSON.

What ordinances were given to the church of Jesus Christ? Were they to be perpetuated as given? REV. MR. McNAMARA.

Who started the different denominations, and which have the Scripture qualifications of the true church of Jesus Christ? HON. K. M. TEDDER.

Should our sisters belong to the Woman's Missionary Union? MRS. A. O. FRINK.

We are anxious for a large representation from all the churches and our Baptist brothers and sisters scattered over our bounds without church homes are especially requested to meet with us.

REV. A. A. KEITH,  
A. O. FRINK,  
Committee.

The Electric Theatre continues to be popular and the hall is crowded at every show. Messrs. Hollomon & Pyles are giving our little city some high class entertainments and their efforts are appreciated as attested by the attendance. This popular amusement place is open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evening, and if you haven't attended yet you should do so. They give you your money's worth.